

California

Student Aid Commission

**Chafee Grant
for Foster
Youth**





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Chafee Grant Overview

- Administered by the Commission through an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Assists current and former foster youth to help pay for college or career/technical training
- Maximum annual award amount is \$5,000 per academic year based on unmet need
- \$14,333,755 - federal and state funded grant subject to annual availability of funds

School Eligibility

New Chafee grant awards will be offered to eligible students only if the student attends either:

- An institution that is eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program
OR
- An institution that does not participate in the Cal-Grant program or located outside California with a:
 - Three-year cohort default rate less than 15.5% **and**
 - Overall graduation rate greater than 30%
- Paid Chafee recipients that still meet the student eligibility requirements are grandfathered, and are not subject to the provisions of AB2506 as long as they continue at the same institution.

Student Eligibility

To **APPLY**, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18
 - *Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18*
- Not have reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year

Student Eligibility

Example 1:

Keisha will turn 22 on June 20th, 2018. If Keisha has never applied for the Chafee Grant, she is eligible to submit the Chafee application for 2017-18. **The 2017-18 award year is from 7/1/17-6/30/18.** On 7/1/17, Keisha was not yet 22 years old.

Example 2:

Keisha will turn 22 on July 5th, 2018. She can still apply for a 2017-18 Chafee Grant because the application will remain open until August.

Example 3:

In September, Keisha is unable to apply for the 2017-18 because the application is closed; and she has aged out for the 2018-19 award year.



Chafee Process Flow

1.	Student application process and DSS Verification
2.	Award based on priority selection criteria
3.	Student is placed on school roster
4.	School certifies eligibility and requests payment
5.	Payments sent to school
6.	Second eligibility check and disbursement
7.	Institutional reconciliation

*Chafee processing normally happens once per week on Monday nights.



Chafee Process Flow

Student Application Process

Awarding


School Chafee Roster

Certify and Request Payment

Payment Sent to School

Disbursement

Reconciliation

1. Chafee Grant application (one-time)
2. FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (every year)*
 Students should complete the Chafee application, FAFSA or CADAA for the year they plan to enroll.
3. CSAC receives verification of foster care eligibility directly from the Department of Social Services (monthly)

**The March 2nd Cal Grant deadline does not apply.*

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Priority Awarding Criteria:

1. Paid renewal students
2. New and non-paid renewal students who will be 22 years as of July 1st of the award year
3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents
4. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need greater than \$5,000
5. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need less than \$5,000

WebGrants System automatically prioritizes students.

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Awarded: Student has a preliminary award and you can certify eligibility and request payment.

Pending: Student is eligible but not awarded. The student is lower on the priority awarding scale and will become Awarded as funds get recycled.

OR

There is a pending transaction that will process Monday evening.

Not Awarded: Student not eligible due to the school's determination



WebGrants Chafee Roster

School ID Acad Year Search ID

First Name Last Name Award Status

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Institution Code	SSN	CSAC ID	Last Name	First Name	Award Status	Award Status Date
00115000	555555555	105555555	SMITH	JOHN	Awarded	07/28/2016
00115000	666666666	105555555	SMITH	JANE	Not Awarded	07/28/2016
00115000	444444444	105555555	STUDENT	TEST	Pending	

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Chafee Process Flow

Student Application Process
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To maximize funding, it is very important for schools to certify eligibility and request payment timely.

**Certify and Request
Payment**

Schools must certify eligibility and request payment each term.

Payment Sent to School
Disbursement
Reconciliation

Schools can certify and request payment in the same transaction but there can only be one transaction per week.



Chafee Roster

Chafee - Payment Request (TEST SCHOOL)

Demographic Information	Annual Data
DOE, JOHN	School Programs: 00 -
CSAC ID: 12345678	Living Arrangements: <input type="radio"/> On Campus <input type="radio"/> Off Campus <input checked="" type="radio"/> With Relatives
SSN No: XXX - XX - 1111	Term(s) Attending: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL <input type="checkbox"/> WN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SU
DOB: 09/26/1994	Education Level: Freshman
Address: 1234 MAIN STREET SACTOWN CA 95555	Cost of Attendance: \$16,000
Phone: 9164646425	EFC: \$0
Alt. Phone:	Other Aid: \$0
Email: APPTTEST@CSAC.CA.GOV	Chafee Need: \$16,000
Alt. Email:	Projected Award: \$5,000
	Award Amount: \$0
	Graduated or Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete FA Package <input type="checkbox"/> Not maintaining SAP <input type="checkbox"/>
	Not Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled HT <input type="checkbox"/>

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Pay Fall Term: ☐

Pay Winter Term: ☐

Pay Spring Term: ☐

Pay Summer Term: ☐

Save Back Reset

Certifying eligibility and requesting payment should be done at the same time.

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Before schools can request payment, student eligibility must be certified.

Students must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Be in good SAP standing
- Have unmet need

**Certify and Request
Payment**

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Students do NOT need:

- To meet ability-to-benefit requirements
- To meet Selective Service requirements
- To be clear of default or overpayments



Certifying Annual Data

- “Terms Attending” auto-populates based on term schedule and should not be modified.
- Only certify the Cost of Attendance, EFC, and Other Aid once.

Annual Data	
School Programs:	00 -
Living Arrangements:	<input type="radio"/> On Campus <input type="radio"/> Off Campus <input checked="" type="radio"/> With Relatives
Term(s) Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL <input type="checkbox"/> WN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SU
Education Level *	Freshman
Cost of Attendance: *	\$16,000
EFC: *	\$0
Other Aid: *	\$0
Chafee Need:	\$16,000
Projected Award:	\$5,000
Award Amount:	\$0
Graduated or Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete FA Package <input type="checkbox"/> Not maintaining SAP <input type="checkbox"/>
Not Enrolled	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled HT <input type="checkbox"/>



Certifying Annual Data

- Inform CSAC of a student's eligibility
- Ineligible students that become subsequently eligible, will be re-awarded based on priority
- Schools need to remove the ineligible reason on the roster and during the next cycle the student will be re-awarded

Annual Data	
School Programs:	00 -
Living Arrangements:	<input type="radio"/> On Campus <input type="radio"/> Off Campus <input checked="" type="radio"/> With Relatives
Term(s) Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL <input type="checkbox"/> WN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SU
Education Level *	Freshman
Cost of Attendance: *	\$16,000
EFC: *	\$0
Other Aid: *	\$0
Chafee Need:	\$16,000
Projected Award:	\$5,000
Award Amount:	\$0
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Graduated or Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete FA Package <input type="checkbox"/> Not maintaining SAP <input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled HT</div>	



Requesting Payments per Term

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Pay Fall Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Winter Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Spring Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Summer Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Save

Back

Reset

If you certify eligibility and then hit save, you will have to wait until the following Tuesday to request payment.

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Payment requests made Tuesday through Monday are sent to the State Controllers Office for payment.

Checks are sent from the State Controllers Office directly to the school made out to the student (in care of the school).

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Once the check is received, schools must verify that the student:

- Is still enrolled at least half-time
- Is meeting your SAP policy
- Has unmet need greater than the amount of the check

Schools are expected to disburse the check (or return it to CSAC) within 10 days of receipt).

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Returned Checks (Abatements)

If the student is no longer eligible for their Chafee grant, schools must return the check.

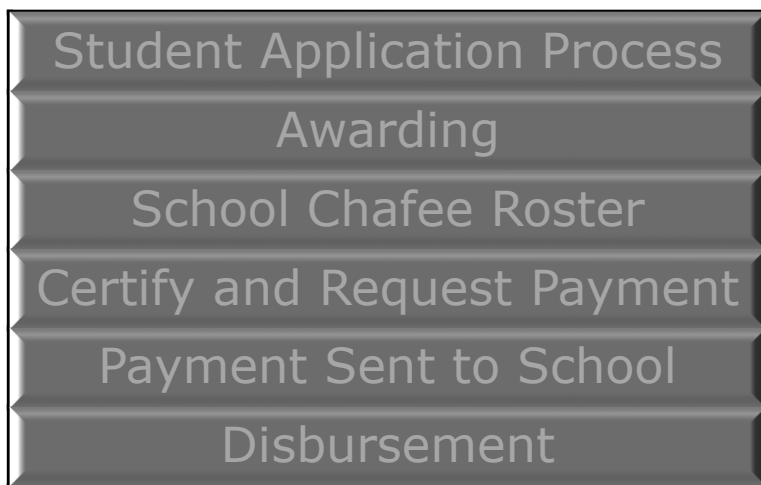
Disbursement

On the check stub, schools should indicate the reason for return.

Reconciliation

Schools are expected to disburse the check with 10 days of receipt.

Chafee Process Flow



Schools are encouraged to utilize the Institution Reconciliation screen on WebGrants.

Reconciliation



Reconciliation

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Institution Reconciliation

School ID: 0115000

Acad Yr: 2017- 2018 ▼

All Claim Schedules ▼

Claim Sched:

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All Claim Schedules
All Claim Schedules by Date Range
Recipients Per Claim Schedule
Payments by CSAC Id by Acad Year
Payments by SSN by Acad Year
All Payments by Name (exact)
All Payments by Name (approximate)
All Payments by CSAC Id
All Payments by SSN
Search By Warrant Number
Students Non-rcvd Pmts by Claim Schedule
Check Issued but Student not paid
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Reconciliation

Payments for MAYA ANGELO for Academic Year 2017

School	FY/AY	Pmt Amt	Term	Claim Schedule	Issue Date	Warrant Number	Date School Pd Std (mm/dd/yyyy)	School Return Amount	School Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
00115000	17/17	\$2,500	SP	18016301	01/23/2018	68-172127	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
00115000	17/17	\$2,500	FL	17233881	08/28/2017	67-242674	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Notices to Students and Schools

- Weekly emails to schools and students
- Awards that have not been certified, that are more than 30 days old, will be made ineligible
- Notices are sent to the students to let them know they will be made ineligible and to contact the Financial Aid Office if they have questions or to make a school change if they are no longer enrolled at that school

2017-18 Awards

Program totals:

Awarded amount: \$14,332,467

Paid amount: \$13,403,307

Awarded students: 3,487

Segmental breakdown of awarded students:

Segment	Amount	Students
CCC	\$9,629,267	2,450
CSU	\$2,998,068	622
UC	\$783,851	162
Private	\$419,713	96
Out of State	\$263,713	68

* Data as of June 4, 2018

Operational Updates

- 2017-18 awards and payments processed through September 2018
- 2018-19 awarding began on May 14, 2018
- 2018-19 payments will begin August 20, 2018



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